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## **End of Construction Phase Means Changes at County Health Center**

The first phase of a major renovation of the County Health Center is nearly complete, and that will mean changes in the way people access the building for services.

Located at 1930 Ninth Ave., the health center houses the Cooperative Health Center (CHC) and several programs of the Lewis and Clark City-County Health Department, including the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), the immunization clinic, and a homevisiting program that provides family support.

Beginning Monday, Nov. 10, patients and other visitors will need to use the new entrance to the building, on the north side facing 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A new parking lot on that side of the building is accessible from Fee Street. A new waiting room, front desk area, and exam rooms will also be open.

## **Closures**

Office moves and holidays will result in some temporary closures in early November. They include:

- **Tuesday, Nov. 4:** The Health Center will be closed for Election Day.
- **Friday, Nov.** 7: The CHC will close at noon so that staff can move into the newly renovated space. There will be no walk-in immunization clinic. The WIC and home visiting programs will remain open all day.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 11:** All programs and services in the building will be closed for the Veterans Day holiday.

The CHC received a \$5 million federal grant in 2012 to expand the building to add medical and dental exam rooms and improve access to health care. Construction was divided into two phases to allow continued use of the building.

Phase 2, which will include creation of an improved dental clinic, will begin in November. Until then, the CHC dental clinic will continue to be open at 251 Saddle Drive, near St. Peter's Hospital.

All construction is expected to be completed by the spring of 2015.

For more information, call the Health Center at 443-2584.